Improvement in cattle breed to increase yield of milk

1170. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken so far to improve the breed of our cattle for better milk yield; and

(b) what are the results of such steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) (i) Selective breeding and grading up of local cattle pedigreed bull of indigenous breeds of cattle and buffaloes through the Key Village Scheme.

(ii) Cross breeding programme of non-descript females with exotic bulls (Jersey & Holstein Friesian) is carried out under intensive Cattle Development Project Scheme.

(iii) Evaluation of Elite Breeding bulls of indigenous breeds of Cattle and buffaloes through Progency Testing Programme.

(iv) Establishment of large cattle breeding farms for production and distribution of quality breeding bulls.

(v) A coordinated programme to evolve a breed suitable to local conditions by incorporating exotic germ plasm.

(vi) Establishment of a network of Frozen Semen Banks and Artificial Insemination Centres under Central, State Governments and Dairy Cooperatives.

(vii) Adoption of Embryo Transfer Technology for production of large number of high producing females in a shorter time span.

(b) As a result of implementation of these programmes, the milk production in the country has recorded an increase from the level of 17 million tonnes in 1950 to a level of about 51.4 million tonnes in 18-9-90.

Prices of refined ground-nut oil

1171. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the skyrocketing of prices of refind groundnut oil in the country; and

(b) whether Government are also aware that 15 kg. tin of Dalda Company is selling at about Rs. 840/- against similar ITC Product at Rs. 640/- in Delhi and if so; the corrective steps being taken to remove the price difference?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The wholelsale price index (WPI) of groundnut oil registered a rise of 52.1 per cent over the year (16th February, 1991).

(b) 15 kg. tin of refined groundunt oil of DALDA brand is selling at Rs. 700-710 and CRYSTAL brand (ITC), is selling at Rs. 670.80 as on 5th March, 1991.

Production and export of meat

1172. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of meat without sufficient production have led to phenomenal increase in domestic retail consumer prices and if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(b) what was the estimated annual production of meat in 1980-81 and corresponding exports and retail consumer prices in the country and corresponding figures for 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir.